Docket No.: 049677-0189 PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Hirokazu KUGAI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2348

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For: SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL AND DUST CORE

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2008, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is being concurrently filed hereto.